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SUBJECT: GATT ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS - SOUTH AFRICA

REF: (A) STATE 309043, (B) GENEVA 584

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED REPLY TO U.S. REQUEST FROM SOUTH AFRICA CONTAINED IN REF A. FOLOWING RESPONSES ARE GEARED TO PARA 3 REF A.

A. WATER SPRINKLERS AND SPRAYERS (84.21.10) --
SOUTH AFRICA SAYS THAT THERE IS NO SCOPE FOR REDUCTION OF CUSTOMS DUTY ON THIS ITEM DUE TO THE POOR COMPETITIVE POSITION OF SOUTH AFRICAN DOMESTIC MANUFACTURERS.

B. CONVEYORS, OTHER (84.22.65.90) --SOUTH AFRICA
WOULD HAVE A PROBLEM GRANTING A BLANKET CONCESSION ON THIS ITEM BUT COULD CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF EX-OUTS.

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C. CHEMICALS AND FLASHLIGHT MATERIALS (37.08.50, PREVIOUSLY 37.08.90) -- ALTHOUGH EC IS THE PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER, SOUTH AFRICA IS PREPARED TO OFFER A REDUCTION FROM 5 PERCENT TO 4 PERCENT.

D. CELLULOSE ESTERS IN SHEETS (39.03.40) -- SOUTH

AFRICA NOT IN A POSITION TO MAKE AN OFFER ON SUBHEADING 39.03.40 AND NOTES THAT ARTICLE XXVIII:5 NEGOTIATIONS ARE CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICA'S CONCESSION ON PRESSURE-SENSITIVE TRANSPARENT REGENERATED CELLULOSE FILM.

E. AIR CONDITIONING MACHINES CONTAINING A HEATING ELEMENT (84.12.10) -- LETTER NOTES THAT SOUTH AFRICA MODIFIED ITS CONCESSION TO THE U.S. ON SUCH MACHINERY NOT CONTAINING A HEATING ELEMENT IN 1970 NEGOTIATIONS.

F. BLOCKS, PLATES, CYLINDERS, ETC. FOR PRINTING PURPOSES (84.34.30) -- ALTHOUGH FRG IS MAJOR SUPPLIER, SOUTH AFRICA IS READY TO OFFER U.S. A DUTY-FREE BINDING. SOUTH AFRICA NOTES THAT U.K. AT PRESENT ENJOYS PREFERENTIAL DUTY-FREE ENTRY ON THIS ITEM AND THAT SOUTH AFRICAN OFFER WOULD ELIMINATE THIS TARIFF PREFERENCE.

2. SOUTH AFRICA IS WILLING TO OFFER A DUTY-FREE BINDING ON LAUNDRY CENTRIFUGES (EXCLUDING TYPES WITH A DRY MASS LOADING CAPACITY NOT EXCEEDING 7 KG). ITEM IS CLASSIFIED UNDER BTN 84.18.30 DUTIABLE AT 3 PERCENT WITH THE U.K. ENJOYING PREFERENTIAL DUTY-FREE ENTRY.

3. SOUTH AFRICA NOTES THAT ITS EXISTING OFFER OF DUTY-FREE BINDING ON LIVE ANIMALS OF THE BOVINE SPECIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(01.02) IS ON THE U.S. REQUEST LIST IN THE MTN. LETTER SAYS THAT IF CONCESSION APPEARS TO BE OF VALUE TO THE U.S. IN THE MTN, IT WOULD ALSO APPEAR TO BE OF VALUE IN THE ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS, AND SOUTH AFRICA, THEREFORE, REQUESTS US TO RECONSIDER THEIR OFFER ON THIS ITEM.

4. IN SUMMARY, SOUTH AFRICA IS WITHDRAWING CONCESSIONS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

EX 90.17 INDWELLING CANNULAE
70.06.10 POLISHED PLATE GLASS
EX 40.09 RUBBER PIPING AND TUBING
EX 84.23.25 SCRAPERS

AND IS OFFERING AS COMPENSATION THE FOLLOWING:

01.02 LIVE ANIMALS OF THE BOVINE SPECIES
- (OFFER: DUTY-FREE)
37.08.50 CHEMICALS AND FLASHLIGHT MATERIALS
- (OFFER: 4 PERCENT)
84.18.30 LAUNDRY CENTRIFUGES (OFFER: DUTY-FREE)

84.22.65.90 CONVEYORS, OTHER (PREPARED
- TO CONSIDER CONCESSIONS ON SPECIFIC
- PRODUCTS)

84.34.30 BLOCKS, PLATES, CYLINDERS, ETC. FOR
- PRINTING PURPOSES (OFFER: DUTY-FREE).

5. WITH REGARD TO ASSURANCES SOUGHT BY U.S. IN PARA 5
OF REF A, SOUTH AFRICA NOTES THAT ASSURANCES OF A SIMILAR
NATURE WERE FURNISHED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE 1970
ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS. SOUTH AFRICA SUGGESTS THAT
WE DISCUSS THESE ASSURANCES FURTHER UPON ACHIEVING
AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON COMPENSATORY CONCESSIONS.

6. AS REPORTED IN REF B, SOUTH AFRICA IS READY TO
CONCLUDE ARTICLE XXVIII NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL
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OF SOUTH AFRICA'S GATT CONCESSION ON EVAPORATORS AND
CONDENSERS (EX.84.15). WE ARE STILL AWAITING AUTHORITY
TO SIGN AGREEMENT ON BASIS OF PARA 2 REF B. WOULD
APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT.

7. COPIES OF LOWRY/LAVOREL LETTER POUCHED TO STR (STEWART)
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